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TAGS: MPOL, NATO, TU
SUBJECT: AD HOC GROUP MEETING ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE TURKISH REP (TOPUR) TO THE MARCH 31 MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL AND TURKEY.
BEGIN TEXT:
MR CHAIRMAN,
I AM SURE YOU AND MY COLLEAGUES WOULD APPRECIATE THAT BEING ONE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE ALLIANCE THAT HAVE A COMMON LAND BORDER WITH THE SOVIET RUSSIA, THE MAIN BASE OF THE EVER GROWING THREAT, TURKEY DEEMS IT NECESSARY FOR OUR COLLECTIVE DEFENCE REQUIREMENTS TO ATTAIN THE NATO FORCE STANDARDS AS WELL AS TO MAINTAIN FULLY TRAINED IN-PLACE FORCES. THIS NECESSITY GAINS EVEN MORE IMPORTANCE SHOULD WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT TURKEY LIES AT THE CROSS-ROAD OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE MEDITERRANEAN WHICH ARE VITAL BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND STRATEGICALLY FOR THE WESTERN WORLD. FOR THESE REASONS, TURKEY MAKES ONE OF THE MOST SINIGFICANT FORCE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ALLIANCE WITH ALMOST HALF A MILLION MANPOWER
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UNDER ARMS AND WITH ABOUT AN EQUAL NUMBER OF RESERVES WHICH CAN BE RECALLED DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF A MOBILISATION. TO SUPPORT THIS ARMED FORCES, TURKEY ALLOCATES A PERCENTAGE OF HER GDP WHICH EXCEEDS THE NATO EUROPEAN AVERAGE BY A WIDE MARGEN; AND THE REAL ANNUAL INCREASE IN HER DEFENCE EXPENDITURE IS OF THE SAME MAGNITUDE. IN THIS FRAMEWORK, TURKEY NOT ONLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE DETERRENCE AND DEFENCE OF THE ALLIANCE DIRECTLY BUT ALSO, THROUGH HER GEOSTRATEGIC POSITION CHECKS THE EFFECTS OF THE SOVIET MILITARY POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THUS RENDERING IT POSSIBLE FOR THE COUNTRIES

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IN THE AREA TO ADOPT A MORE FLEXIBLE AND INDEPENDENT POLICY.
ON THE OTHER HAND, AS WE ALL KNOW AND WORRY ABOUT,
THE CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITES OF THE WARSAW PACT INCREASES
TREMENDOUSLY AND ASSUMES AN INCREASINGLY OFFENSIVE CHARACTER
WHICH THREATENS THE ALLIANCE IN A WIDE SPECTRUM. AT A TIME
WHEN THE IMPORTANCE OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES IS GROWING IN
TERMS OF STRATEGY, I DO NOT NEED TO ATTEMPT HERE REVIEWING
THE REQUIREMENT OF A MAJOR EFFORT THAT MUST BE UNDERTAKEN
IN THIS FIED FOR DETERRENCE AND DEFENCE. THIS NEED IS
EVEN MORE URGEN FOR TURKEY. ON THE OTHER HAND HOWEVER,
WHILE HER DEFENCE ALLOCATIONS OR ANNUAL REAL INCREASES ARE
SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THEN THE NATO AVERAGE, TURKEY CAN
IMPLEMENT ONLY PARTIALLY THE FORCE GOALS DESIGNED FOR HER
(AND CAN COVER THEM ONLY PARTIALLY BY HER NATIONAL PLANNING).
THE REST OF THE MEASURES ARE LEFT TO BE ENTIRELY DEPENDENT
ON EXTERNAL RESOURCES.
THIS GREAT DEFENCE EFFORT, WITH A VIEW TO REALIZING
THE FORCE GOALS COVERED BY OUR NATIONAL PLANS BRINGS
ABOUT SERIOUS LIMITATIONS TO TURKEY'S STRUGGLE AS A DEVELOPING
COUNTRY IN ACHIEVING A RAPID AND SUSTAINED RATE OF ECONOMIC
EXPANSION THROUGH MUCH NEEDED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. INDEED,
THIS ECONOMIC POLICY CREATES A HEAVY PRESSURE ON THE BALANCE
OF PAYMENTS WHOSE DEFICIT IS FURTHER AGRAVATED BY PURCHASES
OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, SINCE MOST OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS OF
FOREIGN ORIGIN. DESPITE THE GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
IT WILL BE BEYOND OUR REACH FOR A LONG TIME TO ACQUIRE A
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SIGNIFICANT MILITARY EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION CAPABILITY. THIS
STATE OF AFFAIRS HAVE A DIRECT ADVERSE IMPACT ON TURKEY'S
SINCERE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE
ALLIED DEFENCE AND REQUIRE SUPPORT FOR THE EASE OF THE SITUATION.
THEREFORE, FOR THOSE NATO FORCE GOALS THAT ARE
COVERED BY THE TURKISH NATIONAL PLANS, WE EXPECT SUPPORT IN
THE FOLLOWING WAYS:
A) GRANT AID TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE;




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B)FAVOURABLE CREDIT TERMS WITH LOW INTEREST AND
EXTENDED PAYMENT AND GRACE PERIODS;
C)ABOLITION OF ALL RESTRICTIONS ON CASH
PURCHASES;
D)JOINT PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT AND INDUSTRIAL
COLLABORATION OFFSET PROGRAMS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.
I WILL NOT DWELL HERE ON THE EXTREMELY
NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY SOME
ALLIED ON MILITARY SALES, SINCE YOU KNOW HOW CRITICAL IS
THE SITUATION IN THIS REGARD.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF I MAY ONLY REMIND MY
COLLEAGUES THAT THE FORCE GOALS ARE DEFINED AS MINIMUM REQUREMENTS
BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES, THE DRAWBACKS OF A
PRACTIVE TO LET A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THOSE MEASURES ON
PAPER WILL NEED NO EXPLANATION. THEREFORE ANY ASSISTANCE
IN THE REALISATION OF THOSE FORCE GOALS THAT ARE NOT COVERED
BY OUR NATIONAL PLANS WOULD SERVE TO THE DETERRENT AND DEFENSIVE
POSTURE OF THE WHOLE ALLIANCE.
THIRDLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, I SHOULD LIKE TO TOUCH
UPON VERY BRIEFLY ON OUR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS.
IN THIS AREA WE ALSO NEED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE; GRANT
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AIDS, LOANS AND FAVOURABLE CREDIT TERMS AND PURCHASES WITHOUT
RESTRICTION. THIS IS MAINLY FOR THE REASON THAT THE MAINTENANCE
AND OPERATION OF SUCH A LARGE ARMED FORCE REQUIRES HUGE
FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CONSEQUENTLY CURTAILS OUR POSSIBILITIES
FOR NEW INVESTMENTS.
MY AUTHORITIES ARE PREPARING A DETAILED DOCUMENT
WHICH ELABORATES ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
A)TURKISH DEFENCE POLICY AND NATO
B) THE THREAT
C)THE ROLE AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE TURKISH
ARMED FORCES WITHIN THE NATO STRATEGY
D)MILITARY NEEDS OF THE UTKISH ARMED FORCES
E)THE EFFECTS OF THE PRESENT RESTRICTIONS
F) ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FROM EXTERNAL RESOURCES
G)GERMAN AND US AID

I SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE DOCUMENT IN A VERY NEAR
FUTURE AND WE HOPE THAT AFTER ITS EXAMINATION BY THE CAPITALS,
WE SHALL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS AND COORDINATE IN THIS GROUP THE
GENERAL PRINCIAPLS OF THE WAYS AND MEANS OF HOW THE ALLIANCE
CAN ASSIST TURKEY.
THANK YOU.
END TEXT

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2. THE AD HOC GROUP WILL RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT AFTER
TURKEY HAD COMPLETED THE REPORT OUTLINED IN THE TURKISH
REP'S STATEMENT.STRAUSZ-HUPE'

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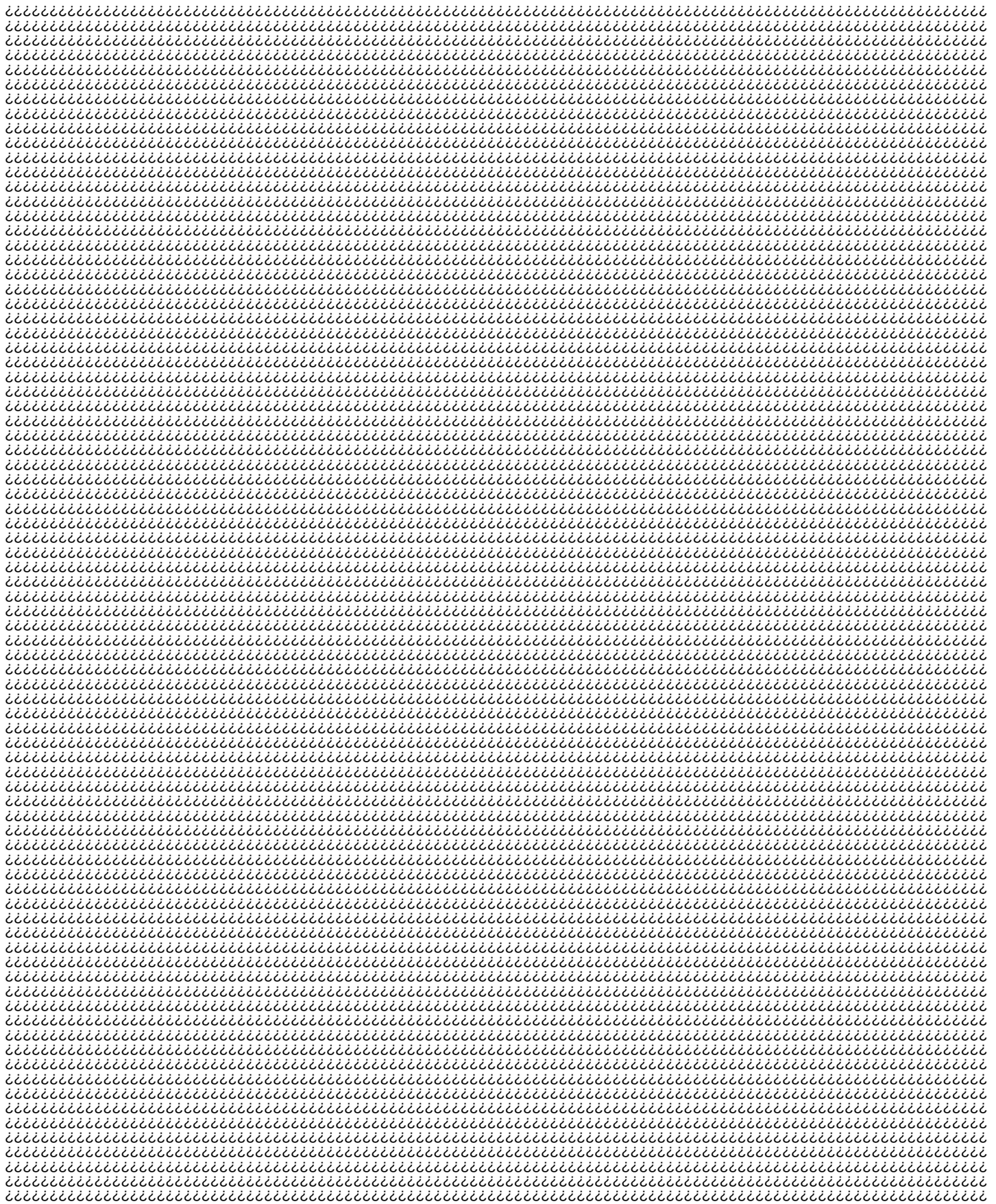

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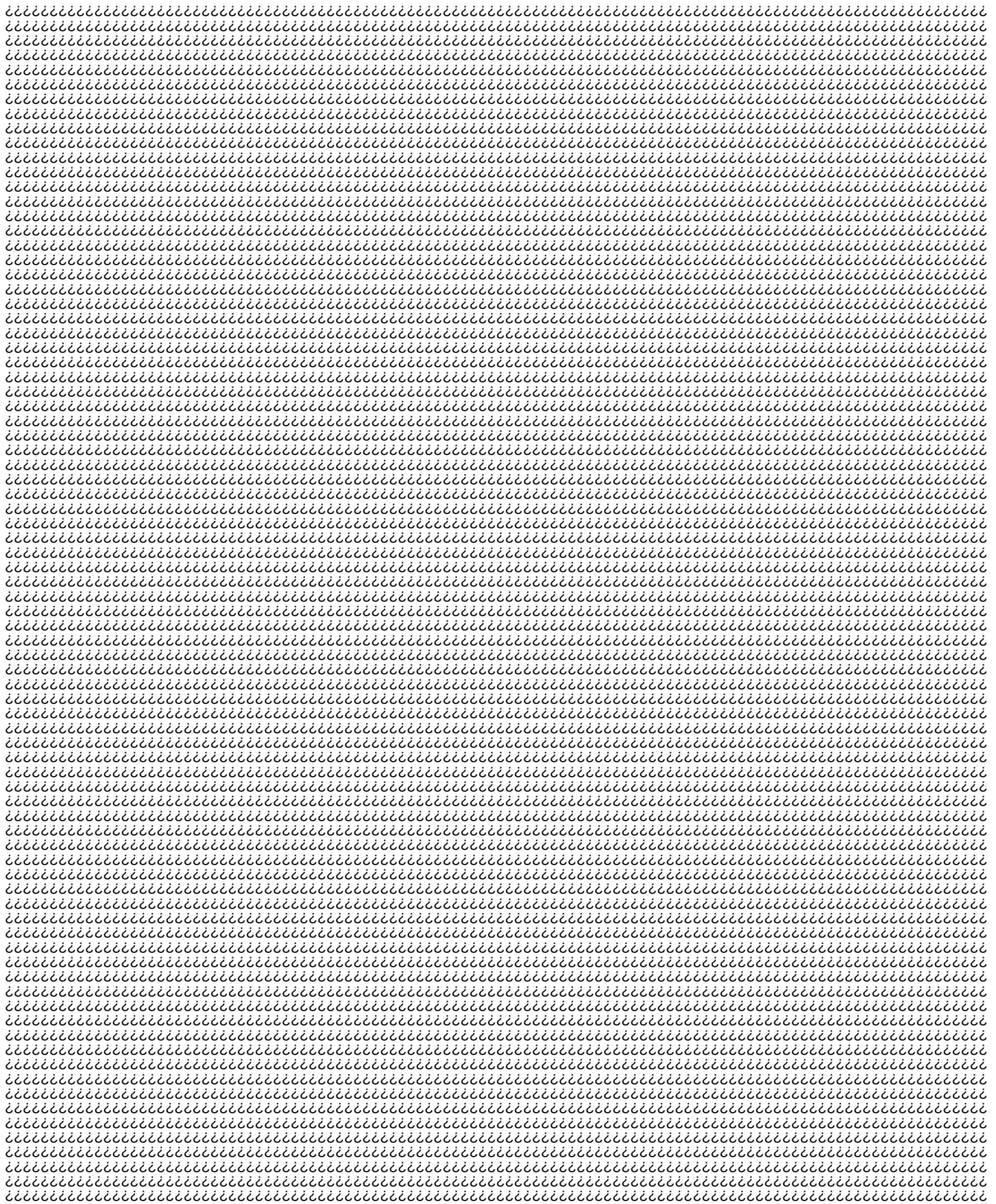

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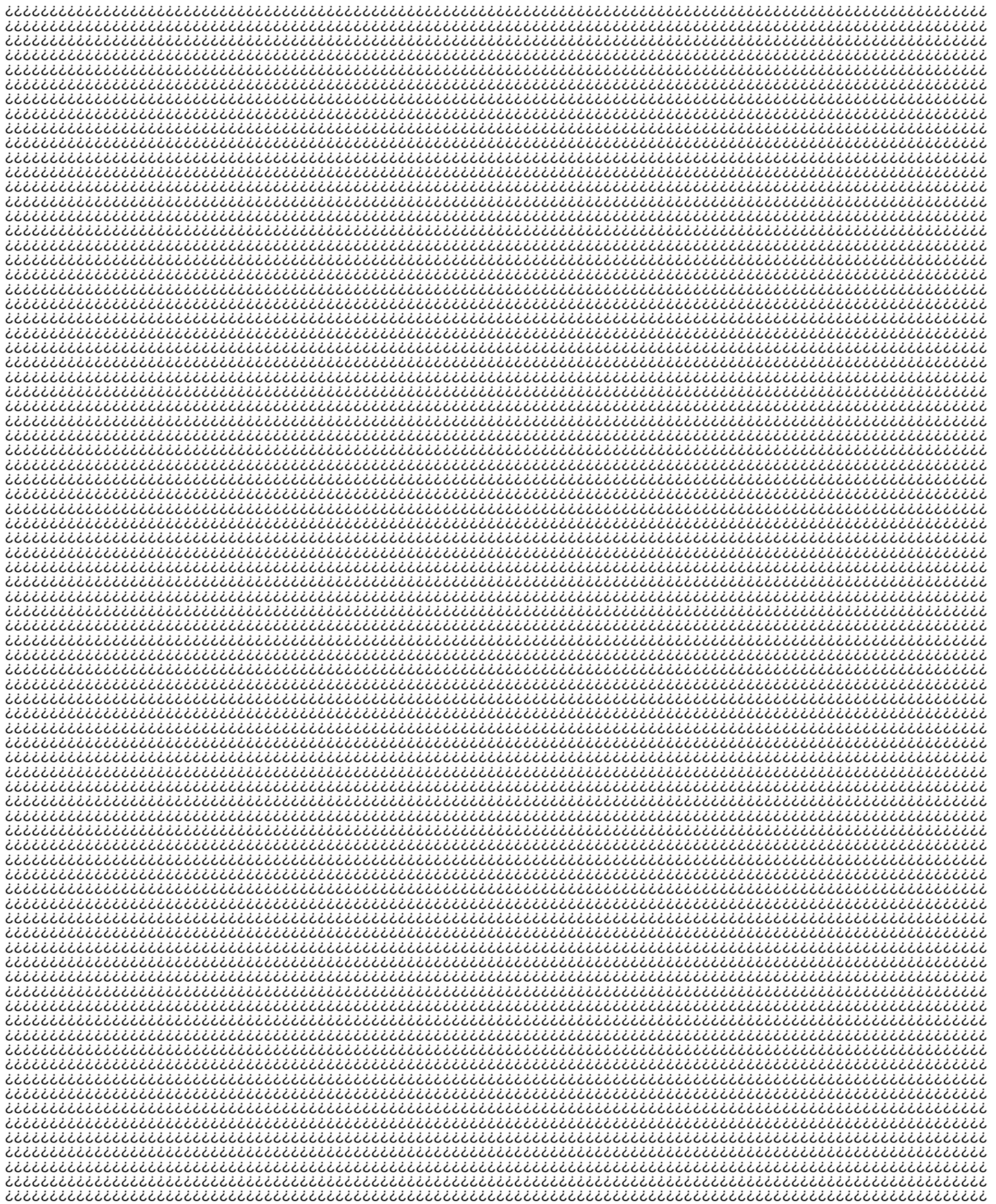

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